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1. QUAI SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS OFFICER DE KERROS TOLD US NOVEMBER 7 THAT GENERAL THRUST OF LE MONDE ARTICLE (REF A) WAS ACCURATE, ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT VOUCH FOR TECHNICAL DETAILS.

2. RE 1976 DATE FOR BEGINNING OF GOF UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS, DE KERROS CAUTIONED AGAINST TAKING DATE AS FIRM. HE NOTED THAT TECHNICAL STUDIES AND BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS WILL PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN DETERMINING WHEN UNDERGROUND TESTS CAN BEGIN. THEY COULD COME BEFORE 1976, OR AFTER, ACCORDING TO DE KERROS.

3. HE REFUSED TO BE DRAWN OUT ON UPPER LIMIT OF YIELD OF NUCLEAR DEVICES THAT COULD BE TESTED IN FRENCH UNDERGROUND SITES, ALTHOUGH HE DID COMMENT THAT DEVELOPMENT OF FRENCH UNDERGROUND TESTING FACILITIES WOULD NOT NECESSARILY EXCLUDE CONTINUATION OF ATMOSPHERIC TESTS FOR SOME WEAPONS.

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